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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-supported SB 1100 (Perata and Ducheny), which would implement the Medi-Cal Hospital Financing Waiver, passed the Assembly today by a vote of 55 to 0 (unofficial), and the Senate by a vote of 33 to 0 (unofficial) for concurrence with Assembly amendments, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 57 (Alarcon), which would augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by allowing counties to collect an additional \$2 penalty assessment on every \$10 penalty for all criminal offenses and moving violations, passed the Senate on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 23 to 15, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported and amended SB 153 (Chesbro), as amended on September 2, 2005, would enact the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted by voters, would authorize the issuance of \$3.945 billion in State General Obligation bonds for acquisition, development, restoration and preservation projects. The amendments increase available bond funds by \$80 million, providing an additional \$30 million for Neighborhood, Community and Regional Parks and Recreation Areas (\$1.77 billion) and an additional \$50 million for Water Quality and Coastal Protection (\$875 million). The allocation for the third major funding category, State Parks and Wildlife Protection (\$1.3 billion), is unchanged. SB 153 has been referred back to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-supported SB 266 (Romero), which would require a newly established trauma care advisory committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan by January 1, 2007, passed the Senate on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 33 to 7, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 287 (Cox), which would authorize the County of Los Angeles and several other counties to employ the design-build contracting method for the construction of public building and improvements, extend the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contracting method, passed the Senate on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 29 to 1, and now proceeds to the Governor. SB 287 is double-joined to County-supported AB 1511 (Evans), a substantively similar design-build measure, and both must be passed and signed into law to allow either bill to be operative.

County-supported SB 399 (Escutia), which would allow a lien for past medical expenses against a settlement or compromise, in addition to a judgment, passed the Senate on September 8, 2005 by a vote of 21 to 12, and now goes to the Governor.

County-supported and amended SB 658 (Kuehl), which would establish the Coastal Environmental Motor Vehicle Mitigation Program and authorize the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to collect a fee of up to \$6 upon the registration or renewal of every motor vehicle registered in one of the twenty counties that elects to participate in the program, with funds to be spent on projects and grants that prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and infrastructure, was amended on the Assembly Floor on September 2, 2005.

The amendments would: 1) specify that eligible projects may be implemented anywhere in a participating county; 2) require the SCC to expend funds to provide benefits that are proportional to the revenues collected in a participating county; 3) establish priority for projects that directly benefit those communities whose environments are disproportionately affected by motor vehicles, allowing grants intended to benefit these communities to be given to the California Conservation Corps or nonprofit community organizations; and 4) prohibit a county from adopting a fee authorized by SB 658 if that county has adopted a fee pursuant to AB 1623 (Klehs), a bill that would authorize county transportation agencies in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Sacramento to impose an annual fee up to \$5 on registered motor vehicles to manage traffic congestion and mitigate the impact of motor vehicles on the environment. AB 1623 passed the Senate on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 23 to 17, and now proceeds to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments.

County-supported SB 861 (Speier), which would allow cities and counties to enact dog breed-specific ordinances pertaining to mandatory spay or neuter programs, and breeding requirements to address public safety and welfare issues, obtained Senate concurrence in Assembly amendments on August 31, 2005 by a vote of 22 to 15. SB 861 was enrolled on September 7, 2005, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 869 (Bowen), which would establish the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and would make grants available to counties to provide voluntary visiting nurse services to first-time pregnant, low-income mothers, their children and their families, passed the Senate by a vote of 33 to 7, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-opposed SB 1086 (Migden), which would prohibit the City of Long Beach from setting aside oil revenues produced in the State Tidelands for future use in cleanup of oil fields, and would require the City to return revenues in the abandonment reserve fund to the State, was amended on August 25, 2005 to delete language which would prevent the City of Long Beach from sequestering tidelands revenue for oil extraction mitigation. **Therefore, our Sacramento Advocates will remove our opposition to SB 1086 and take no position on the bill.**

County-supported AB 13 (Goldberg), which would establish the California Racial Mascots Act which would prohibit public schools from using the term 'Redskins' as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname beginning January 1, 2007, was moved from the Inactive File on September 7, 2005, and is now on the Senate Floor for third reading.

County-supported AB 624 (Montañez), which would require the California Department of Health Services to simplify the application process for children in the Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program, passed the Assembly on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 54 to 25, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 783 (Jones), which would require the State, on or after January 1, 2005 and before January 1, 2006, to pay for expenses incurred by local governments in the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senate or Representative in Congress, obtained Assembly concurrence in Senate amendments on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 79 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 856 (Bass), which would add the Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee, as a non-voting member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) board, make changes pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open

Meeting Act, and repeal the requirement that the BHC obtain and maintain liability insurance, was signed by the Governor on September 6, 2005 and becomes effective on January 1, 2006.

County-supported AB 1252 (Pavley), which would authorize the County to designate Mulholland Highway as an official County Scenic Highway, was amended on September 2, 2005 to authorize the State Department of Transportation to employ the design-build method or design-sequencing method for construction of carpool lanes on the 405 Freeway in Los Angeles. **Because this bill deals with a different subject, the County will drop support for AB 1252 and take no position on the measure.**

County-supported AB 1459 (Canciamilla), which would increase the small claims court jurisdiction over actions brought by an individual, if the amount does not exceed \$7,500, and would provide that small claims court advisory services must cover specific topics relating to small claims court rules, filings, procedures related to conduct of the hearing, and information on the collection of small claims court judgments, obtained Assembly concurrence in Senate amendments on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 49 to 30, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1511 (Evans), which would authorize the County of Los Angeles and several other counties to employ the design-build contracting method for the construction of public building and improvements, extend the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contracting method, passed the Assembly Floor on September 6, 2005 by a vote of 70 to 5 and now proceeds to the Governor. This measure is double-joined to County-supported SB 287 (Cox), a substantively similar design-build measure, and both must be passed and signed into law to allow either bill to be operative.

County-supported AB 1565 (Pavley), which would authorize the California Children and Families Commission in coordination with the State Department of Education, the State Department of Social Services, and other interested parties to conduct a pilot project in three to seven counties, to develop a statewide quality rating system for child day care facilities, was amended in the Senate on September 2, 2005.

As amended, AB 1565 would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to select an independent contractor by May 31, 2006 to study the development, implementation and evaluation of a statewide quality rating system for child day care centers and family day care homes. The contractor must conduct the study in consultation with an advisory group selected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The contractor must submit a final report on the study findings to the Legislature no later than one year after the contract is awarded. The contractor must

also provide an oral report to the Legislature in a public hearing. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million to execute the study and produce the report, and \$345,000 to CDE to hire a consultant to develop a request for proposal to select the independent contractor, staff the advisory panel, and to oversee and monitor the contract. AB 1565 passed the Assembly on September 8, 2005 by a vote of 59 to 7, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported ACA 17 (Mullin), which would amend the State Constitution to authorize 17-year old citizens, who will be at least 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special election that occurs after the person is eligible to register to vote, passed the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on August 25, 2005 by a vote of 13 to 4, and is now on the Assembly Floor for third reading.

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

County-supported if amended AB 109 (Chan) was amended on June 27, 2005, as proposed by the First 5 Association of California and First 5 California, to strengthen fiscal oversight by the State and maintain local control over First 5 commissions. AB 109 would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict-of-interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its operating budget that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes to establish the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission.

First 5 LA recommends that the County support AB 109, as amended, and we concur. **Consistent with Board direction on March 1, 2005 to support AB 109, if amended to maintain local control over First 5 commissions, our Sacramento Advocates will support AB 109 as amended.** This bill is double-joined to SB 35 (Florez), on which the County also has a support-if-amended position. AB 109 is on the Governor's desk.

County-supported if amended SB 35 (Florez) was amended on June 27, 2005, as proposed by the First 5 Association of California and First 5 California, to strengthen fiscal oversight by the State and maintain local control over First 5 commissions. SB 35 would require: 1) the county First 5 commissions to send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission by November 1 of each year; 2) the State First 5 Commission report to include a listing, by category, of the aggregate expenditures on program areas funded by the State and county commissions; and 3) the Controller to issue guidelines for expanded annual audits of each county commission. The State Commission would be allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data.

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First 5 LA recommends that the County support SB 35, as amended, and we concur. **Consistent with Board direction on March 1, 2005 to support SB 35, if amended to maintain local control over First 5 commissions, our Sacramento Advocates will support SB 35 as amended.** This bill is double-joined to AB 109. SB 35 passed the Senate on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 40 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

Other Legislation of County Interest

AB 1230 (Ridley-Thomas), which would authorize the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to establish an Inspector General for purposes of auditing and investigating the County's health care system, passed the Assembly on September 7, 2005 by a vote of 75 to 3, and now proceeds to the Governor. The County does not have a position on this bill.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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